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**City of Akron Receives \$1M U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant**  
*Grant to be used towards the cleanup of brownfields*

Mayor Don Plusquellic today announced that the City of Akron was selected to receive one of the highly sought after Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grants in the amount of \$1million.

The U.S. EPA brownfields grants are used to assess and cleanup land and buildings that cannot be easily redeveloped or reused because of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. They include abandoned industrial and commercial properties such as abandoned gas stations.

“With the help of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, we will be able to support local projects that will help create local jobs, and make Akron more prosperous. Our community will be cleaner and healthier,” said Mayor Plusquellic. “Akron will be an even better place to raise a family and start a business.”

Through the U.S. EPA grant, the City will be able to provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances or petroleum.